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SUBJECT: THIRD MEETING OF CONSULTATION ON HONDURAS-EL
SALVADOR BORDER DISPUTE

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1. PERMANENT COUNCIL, ACTING AS XIII MEETING OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS ON EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS DISPUTE, MET MORNING
OF AUGUST 16 TO HEAR REPORT OF CHIEF OF OAS OBSERVER
TEAM, GENERAL LUIS MIRO OF ARGENTINA.

2. HE TOLD ASSEMBLED AMBASSADORS THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS
HAVE COMPLIED WITH TERMS OF AUGUST 12 MANAGUA AGREEMENT
PROVIDING FOR MUTUAL PULLBACK FROM CONTESTED BORDER AREAS
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AND THAT REGULAR AND PARAMILITARY FORCES ARE NOW DISEN-

GAGED IN ZONES WHERE INCIDENTS MOST FREQUENT IN RECENT WEEKS. IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF SEPARATING DISPUTANTS NOW OVERCOME, HE SAID, BUT LARGER ISSUES OF MAINTAINING CALM AND RESOLVING UNDERLYING POLITICAL/LEGAL DIFFERENCES REMAIN.

3. HIS STRONG RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT OAS CONTINUE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN PEACEKEEPING EFFORT BUT WITH FEWER OBSERVERS SAY TEN TO TWELVE, UNDER AEGIS OF INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD (IADB) RATHER THAN PERMANENT COUNCIL. LATTER SHOULD DEVOTE ITS EFFORTS TO SEARCH FOR SOLUTION TO UNDERLYING PROBLEMS BETWEEN TWO MEMBER STATES. GENERAL MIRO ASKED TO BE RELIEVED OF COMMAND NOW THAT MAIN OBJECTIVE OF HIS MISSION ACHIEVED VIA IMPLEMENTATION OF TERMS OF SAN JOSE AGREEMENT AS REAFFIRMED AT MANAGUA.

4. SEVILLA SACASA OF NICARAGUA, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF SEVEN THAT HAS BEEN MONITORING DISPUTE SINCE 1969, THANKED MIRO FOR JOB WELL DONE AND ENDORSED HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SMALLER GROUP OF OBSERVERS TO CONTINUE WORK BEYOND CURRENT AUGUST 18 CUT OFF DATE.

5. SPEAKING FOR PERU, MFM CHAIRMAN ALVARADO WELCOMED MIRO'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH EXCEPTION OF IADB ROLE IN SUPERVISING PEACEKEEPING FORCE, JOB HE SAID PERMANENT COUNCIL MUST NOT DELEGATE BUT RATHER COMBINE WITH NEW INITIATIVE TO SETTLE DISPUTE FOR GOOD. AS CHAIRMAN, HE RECOMMENDED TWO FURTHER MFM SESSIONS, ONE AUGUST 17 TO RECONSTITUTE OBSERVER FORCE PRIOR TO CURRENT DEADLINE AND SECOND NEXT WEEK TO ATTACK POLITICAL/ECONOMIC/ BOUNDARY ISSUES TROUBLING RELATIONS BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS.

6. REPS OF GOH AND GOES, BACKED UP BY ARRAY OF ADVISORS (INCLUDING EX-FONMINS BATRES AND DURON FOR HONDURAS AND EQUALLY NUMEROUS BUT LESS PRESTIGIOUS GROUP FROM EL SALVADOR) ENDORSED MIRO'S SUGGESTIONS, OFFERED TO SPLIT FULL COSTS OF REDUCED OBSERVER MISSION AND REAFFIRMED DETERMINATION TO REACH ACCORD ON BASIS OF DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SUPPORT OF OAS. BOTH DELEGATIONS CONFIDENTIAL

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REFERRED TO THEIR DRAFT TREATIES PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE OF SEVEN IN LAST EIGHT MONTHS, BUT MUTUALLY IGNORED.

7. MFM SESSION CONCLUDED WITH UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE ROLE OF OBSERVER MISSION, TO MEET AUGUST 16 TO ADOPT NEW BUDGET/FORCE STRUCTURE AND TO HOLD ANOTHER MEETING NEXT WEEK ON POLITICAL/JURIDICAL BASES FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE. KISSINGER

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